

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the)	APPLICATION NO. BR-261
Prescription of Reasonable)	
Rates and Charges for Motor)	GRANTED
Carriers Passengers and)	
Property for Hire Subject to)	
the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.)	ENTERED: APRIL 17, 2001
(Reissue 1996), Chapter 75,)	
Articles 1 and 3.)	

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On February 28, 2001, S & S Enterprises, LLC, dba A & B Shuttle, Omaha, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its airport transportation service rates an average of 15.3% (\$1.00 for Zones 1 and 2; and \$2.00 for Zones 3 through 8).

Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on March 1, 2001, pursuant to the Commission's rules. The application is unopposed.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1545. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers by chauffeur-driven motor home between points in Douglas, Sarpy and Lancaster counties, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes. Supp.1: Passengers and their baggage by chauffeur-driven van between points in Douglas, Sarpy, and Lancaster counties over irregular routes.

In support of application, the following statement is made:

"A&B Shuttle respectfully requests a rate increase for our airport transportation service. Price increases in fuel (gas & natural gas), vehicle maintenance, and insurance have had a dramatic and direct effect on our operating costs. Natural gas costs have increased over 55% since December 2000. Since July 2000, insurance costs have increased 42%. We have also experienced a significant increase in labor costs. Beginning hourly wages have increased from \$6.50/hour to \$7.50/hour. We feel that retaining qualified personnel is directly related to offering higher wages.

"We are confident that with the approval of these new rates, A&B Shuttle will be able to continue providing the quality service to our customers as we have in the past."

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Applicant further seeks an increase of its excess baggage charge from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per bag. Applicant states that the increase is in line with the increase airlines are charging for excess baggage.

Applicant's current rates were authorized in February 2000. It is seeking a \$1.00 increase for the first two zones and a \$2.00 increase for the remaining six zones. A & B's financial statement was reviewed. Its liability insurance premium increased 119%, and its workers compensation insurance premium increased 53%. Labor costs have increased an average of 10.6%. Due to the unusual winter and unexpected spike in heating costs, its heating costs increased approximately 600%. Applicant's current expenses are exceeding its revenue and its operating ratio is 1.06.

Upon consideration of the application and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the application should be granted effective April 27, 2001.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective April 27, 2001, S & S Enterprises, LLC, dba A & B Shuttle, Omaha, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its airport transportation service rates as follows:

Description	Individual	Two or More (Note)
I. Zones 1 - 5		
A. Zone 1	\$ 8.00	\$ 6.00
B. Zone 2	10.00	8.00
C. Zone 3	12.00	10.00
D. Zone 4	14.00	12.00
E. Zone 5	16.00	14.00

NOTE: Rate is for two or more people picked up at the same location and going to the same destination.

Description	First Person	Ea. Add. Person
II. Zones 6 - 8		
A. Zone 6	\$19.00	\$14.00
B. Zone 7	24.00	16.00
C. Zone 8	29.00	18.00

NOTE: Reduced rate for each additional passenger picked up at the same location and going to the same destination as the first passenger.

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IV. Baggage charge in excess of two pieces of stowed baggage and one piece of carry on baggage per person \$5.00

MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska, this 17th day of April, 2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

James G. Hansen
Anne C. Boyle
Frank E. Landis

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Frank E. Landis
Chairman

ATTESTS:

And S. Pollak
Executive Director

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